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SUBJECT: CHARTER REVIEW COMMITTEE

1. GENERAL DEBATE HAS CONTINUED AT LEISURELY PACE WITH RARELY MORE THAN TWO OR THREE SPEAKERS ON ANY ONE DAY. MANY OF THE PROPONENTS OF REVIEW APPEAR TO HAVE DECIDED NOT TO SPEAK IN GENERAL DEBATE. THE SPEECHES HAVE BEEN LARGEY PREDICTABLE AND CONTAINED LITTLE THAT IS NEW.

2. MUCH OF THE TIME OF THE COMMITTEE HAS BEEN SPENT IN INFORMAL AND FORMAL DISCUSSION OF THE METHODS OF WORK. THE CHARTER REVIEW PROPONENTS LED BY JAPAN, MEXICO, COLOMBIA, ROMANIA AND SPAIN SOUGHT TO CONVENE A WORKING GROUP FOR THE SOLE PURPOSE OF PREPARING A LIST IN ACCORDANCE WITH SUB-PARAGRAPH C OF OPERATIVE PARAGRAPH 1 OF RESOLUTION 3499.

3. US, BRITISH, FRENCH AND SOVIET DELS BELIEVE SUCH A DEVELOPMENT COULD LEAD COMMITTEE TOO RAPIDLY INTO DETAILED DISCUSSION OF CHARTER CHANGES AND MOREOVER DO SO IN A WAY WHICH WOULD HIGHLIGHT THE ISSUES FOR DISCUSSION IN FAR LESS MANAGEABLE FORUM OF GA. SINCE CHARTER REVIEW PROPONENTS HAD VARIETY OF APPROACHES AND PROPOSALS FOR THE WORKING GROUP, WITH SOME WANTING A WORKING GROUP OF LIMITED MEMBERSHIP, OTHER WANTING

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SEVERAL WORKING GROUPS, ETC., THEY WERE UNABLE TO SUSTAIN

ORGANIZED PRESSURE FOR WORKING GROUP RESTRICTED TO DRAWING UP A LIST. AS A RESULT US AND UK DELS WERE ABLE TO INTERVENE IN INFORMAL DISCUSSIONS DURING THIRD WEEK OF COMMITTEE URGING THAT COMMITTEE CEASE WASTING TIME IN PROCEDURAL WRANGLE AND GET ON WITH CREATION OF WORKING GROUP TO COMMENCE PRELIMINARY FIRST READING OF VOLUMINOUS SECRETARIAT STUDY CONTAINED UN DOCUMENT. THIS PROPOSAL WAS ACCEPTED AND WORKING GROUP OF THE WHOLE HAS BEEN FORMED.

4. WORKING GROUP COMMENCED MARCH 2 SLOW FIRST READING OF SECRETARIAT PAPER. GROUP IS PROCEEDING ON PARAGRAPH BY PARAGRAPH BASIS WITH VIEW TO UNCOVERING ISSUES FOR SUBSEQUENT DISCUSSION.

5. TO DATE WORKING GROUP HAS IN TWO MEETINGS REACHED PARAGRAPH 16 OUT OF TOTAL OF 144 AND DISCUSSION HAS FOR THE MOST PART BEEN CONDUCTED IN CONSTRUCTIVE AND CAREFUL TONE WITH OCCASIONAL SIDE INTERRUPTIONS FROM BOUAYAD-AGHA (ALGERIA).

6. US, UK, FRENCH, USSR CLOSE COOPERATION CONTINUES WITH VAN BRUSSELEN (BELGIUM) SERVING IN EFFECT AS "ASSOCIATED POWER."  
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